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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Comment in: GN Docket No. 08-7

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I urge you to finally grant Public Knowledge's petition and make it clear to wireless carriers that they cannot censor text messages they don't like.

Text messaging is a vital form of communication, and should be protected from interference just like voice calls. We do not allow phone companies to decide who makes a phone call and what they can say. It is time to stop letting cell phone companies decide who can send a text message and what it can say. As long as the threat of unjust and unreasonable text message blocking lingers, companies and nonprofits will avoid spending time and money developing innovative uses for it.

There is no reason why wireless carriers should be the gatekeepers for text message innovation. It has been three years since this problem was brought to the FCC's attention, and yet T-Mobile is still able to block text messages at whim. The FCC must grant Public Knowledge's petition now, before wireless carriers censor anything else.

Sincerely,

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